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S.P. 337

In Senate, March 5, 2009

**An Act To Amend the Reporting Requirements for Independent
Expenditures for Political Campaigns**

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: COURTNEY of York, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, SMITH of
Piscataquis, Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, FITTS of Pittsfield, JOY of Crystal, STRANG
BURGESS of Cumberland, TARDY of Newport.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1019-B, sub-§3, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 448, §3, is
3 amended to read:

4 B. A report required by this subsection must contain an itemized account of each
5 contribution or expenditure aggregating in excess of \$100 in any one candidate's
6 election, the date and purpose of each contribution or expenditure and the name of
7 each payee or creditor. For expenditures categorized as printing and graphics or print
8 media advertisements, and for the printing services component of expenditures
9 categorized as "mail house," a copy of the mail piece or print media ad for each
10 candidate listed on the independent expenditure report must be included, which the
11 commission shall post as part of the independent expenditure report on the
12 commission's publicly accessible website. The report must state whether the
13 contribution or expenditure is in support of or in opposition to the candidate and must
14 include, under penalty of perjury, as provided in Title 17-A, section 451, a statement
15 under oath or affirmation whether the contribution or expenditure is made in
16 cooperation, consultation or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, the
17 candidate or an authorized committee or agent of the candidate.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill amends the campaign finance laws to require that the report of independent
20 expenditures include copies of mail pieces and print media.